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Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to ask you to support the potential new broadband wireless network in our region being proposed by LightSquared. By greatly improving mobile communications bandwidth and speed in rural areas, what LightSquared is trying to do would be a significant help to the coal industry, which often operates in areas that do not have decent cell-phone signals.

LightSquared's interoperable network will be both satellite and terrestrial based, and will allow for backup connectivity – especially important in underserved communities and in the rural areas in which we operate.

In addition, LightSquared's investment over the next eight years represents the kind of private-sector investment that we need for economic recovery.

Kentucky's mining industries need this significant enhancement to the state's telecommunications infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur R. Thomas', written over the printed name.

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